

REMARKS

In response to the above Office Action, claim 5 has been amended to make it grammatically correct.

In addition, claim 15 has been amended to avoid the rejection of the claim under §112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore requested.

Finally, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 3 and 4, which have been cancelled, and claim 11 to include the essence of claim 14 that corresponds to claim 4. Appropriate amendments have been made to claims 5, 9 and 14 to reflect the amendments to claims 1 and 11.

The indicated allowance of the subject matter of claims 4, 7-10, and 14 as well as claims 18-20 is appreciated. Since claim 1 now includes the subject matter of claim 4 and claims 2 and 5-10 are dependent therefrom and claim 11 includes the essence of claim 14 and claims 12-17 are dependent therefrom, it is believed these claims are allowable.

Allowance of claims 1, 2, and 5-20 is requested.

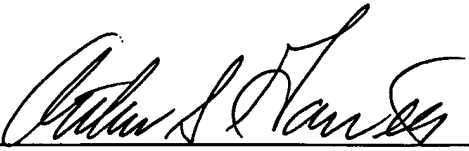
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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